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From:

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Date:

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Re:

To:

Revised Groundwater Source Control Construction Design Report

NW Natural, Gasco Site

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Description

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CD - Revised Groundwater Source Control Construction Design Report, NW Natural, Gasco Site (CD includes Report, Tables, Figures, Appendices, and Work Plans)

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January 31, 2012

Dana Bayuk
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
2020 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 400
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Re: Revised Groundwater Source Control Construction Design Report, NW Natural Gasco Site

Project Number: 000029-02.26

Dear Dana:

As described in our December 21, 2011 letter, Anchor QEA is providing DEQ with four documents that are important for design and implementation of groundwater source control at the NW Natural, Gasco Site.

- Revised Groundwater Source Control Construction Design Report (CDR)
- Wastewater Treatment Final Design Report
- Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design Work Plan
- Work Plan to Assess Baseline Groundwater Conditions

With this submittal NW Natural has completed source control steps 1, 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3, as requested in DEQ's December 7, 2011 letter. All four of these documents are provided with this letter in 3 individual hard cover copies and combined on the 3 enclosed CDs. CDs are being sent to other parties as listed at the end of this letter. The documents will also be posted to DEQ's dedicated FTP site. The contents of the CD have been tagged per EPA protocol, although we were unable to tag a few of the appendix items.

As we have discussed in recent meetings and teleconferences, NW Natural requests that DEQ prioritize review of these documents. A proposed schedule of the primary source control steps is included in Figure 5-1 of the CDR. Please review the Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design Workplan and the Workplan to Assess Baseline Groundwater Conditions. We need DEQ approval of those workplans as soon as possible so we can schedule drilling contractors to complete the TarGOST borings and the push probe borings to obtain soil samples at the extraction well locations.

We also request priority review of the Wastewater Treatment Final Design Report. We need DEQ approval of that report so that we can order the long-lead treatment system components.

The additional MODFLOW model documentation and model output of the 2011 VFD tests requested by DEQ are still being finalized. These items will be added to Appendix F and sent to DEQ as soon as possible. These additional model submittals are not important to the three items for which we have requested DEQ priority review, so please don't wait to receive the additional model submittals.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Edwards, RG, CEG

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Attachments:

Revised Groundwater Source Control Construction Design Report (CDR)
Wastewater Treatment Final Design Report
Upper Alluvium Extraction Well Design Work Plan
Work Plan to Assess Baseline Groundwater Conditions

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